ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 9 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

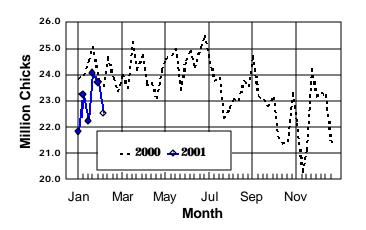
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 22.5 millionduring the week ending February 10, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were down 9 percent from the comparable week in 2000, and 5 percent below the previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through February 10, 2001 were 137.6 million, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 23.9 million, down 6 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but 1 percent above the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 81.8 percent.

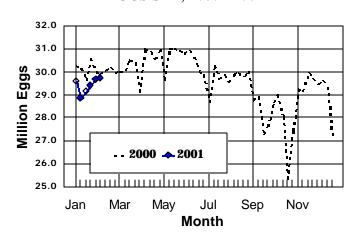
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 10, 2001, down 1 percent from the same period last year, but slightly above the previous week.

	NET PL	ACEME	NTS	CHICK	KS HATCI	HED	EGGS SET			
Week Ending	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	
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Jan. 6	24,005	21,817	91	25,430	23,608	93	30,205	29,608	98	
Jan. 13	24,581	23,255	95	25,232	23,689	94	29,653	28,905	97	
Jan. 20	25,127	22,229	88	25,132	22,086	88	30,636	29,167	95	
Jan. 27	23,841	24,055	101	25,051	24,010	96	29,971	29,413	98	
Feb. 3	23,588	23,683	100	24,709	23,577	95	29,942	29,702	99	
Feb. 10	24,678	22,537	91	25,350	23,864	94	30,083	29,752	99	

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

	CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)											
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
STATE	20-Jan	27 - Jan	03-Feb	10-Feb	%	06-Jan	13-Jan	20 - Jan	27-Jan	03-Feb	10-Feb	%
Alabama	27,528	27,742	27,668 *	28,021	100	21,244	21,435	20,726	20,586	21,082 *	20,714	98
ARKANSAS	29,167	29,413	29,702	29,752	99	21,817	23,255	22,229	24,055	23,683	22,537	91
Delaware	4,118	3,875	3,974	3,976	98	4,691	4,973	4,540	5,423	4,982	5,523	92
Florida	2,499	2,486	2,489	2,724	101	2,373	2,402	2,340	2,236	2,300	2,183	93
Georgia	30,628	30,413	30,381 *	30,880	100	24,353	24,214	24,653	24,407	24,213 *	24,507	99
Maryland	8,679	8,306	8,205	8,279	97	5,690	5,193	5,646	4,906	5,702	5,068	103
Mississippi	18,100	17,938	17,916	18,097	103	15,240	15,339	14,870	15,193	15,290	15,261	101
N. Carolina	17,620 *	17,504	17,866	18,514	108	14,383	14,634	14,466	13,727	14,658	13,768	99
Pennsylvania	3,515	3,643	3,826	3,410	100	2,596	2,709	2,541	2,763	2,687	2,469	90
S. Carolina	4,832	4,661	4,934	4,748	100	3,793	3,836	4,058	4,229	4,160	4,067	112
Texas	14,412	14,475	13,990	14,553	107	11,328	11,285	11,345	11,180	11,106	11,218	100
Virginia	6,481	6,591	6,582	6,541	103	5,204	5,254	5,273	5,322	4,758	5,264	105
CATN & W VA	11,610	11,180	11,387	11,772	108	10,136	9,341	9,587	9,940	10,255	10,655	100
Total 2000-2001	179,189 *	178,227	178,920 *	181,267		142,848	143,870	142,274	143,967	144,876 *	143,234	
Total 1999-2000	181,734	179,169	178,533	178,059		144,090	144,745	145,179	145,644	144,326	145,858	
% PREV. YEAR	99	99	100	102		99	99	98	99	100	98	
APPROXIMATE M	24-Feb	03-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar						

^{*} Revised .

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 181 million eggs during the week ending February 10, 2001. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 10, 2001. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through February 10, 2001 were 861 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

^{1/} Current week as percent of the same week last year.